

Claims 5, 6, and 10 have been amended. Claims 5-8 and 10 remain pending. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application, as amended, are requested.

In the Advisory Action, the Examiner indicated that the claims did not contain any positive bending steps.

"Bending" has been deleted from the claims. Rather, the claims are directed to shaping a sheet of glass.

In claim 5, basis for lines 2-3 is found at page 9, lines 5-11.

Claim 5 has been further amended to make it clear that it is the shaping mold which includes a pair of said second shaping surface areas and said second suction chambers.

Claim 5 has been further amended to delete the term "stop". There is now antecedent basis for "said then developing a second vacuum step" at claim 10, line 12.

first area of the sheet of glass is first shaped and then a second area of the sheet of glass is later shaped so as to be complementary to the first area. The term "then" has been added prior to the final step of the method so that it is clear that the releasing step follows immediately from the shaping steps. In particular, the releasing step releases the sheet of glass from the first and second shaping surface areas onto a quenching ring so that the sheet of glass is moved to quenching without further alteration.

In view of the above, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and reexamination are requested. Allowance of claims 5-8 and 10 at an early date is solicited.

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